

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The amendment to the claims is merely to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a mark-up copy of the changes made to the application by this amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The abstract of the disclosure has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to composite detergent particles prepared by dry-blending detergent additive particles (a) comprising 30 to 100% by weight of two or more kinds of water-soluble substances, the detergent additive particles having an average particle size of from 150 to 600 μm , a bulk density of 300 to 1000 g/L, and wherein the detergent additive particles have a dissolution rate of 90% or more, as calculated by the Equation 1; and detergent particles (b) having an average particle size of from 150 to 600 μm and a bulk density of [300 to 1000 g/L] 500 to 1000 g/L, and comprising 10 to 50% by weight of a surfactant; and a granular detergent composition comprising 50 to 100% by weight of the composite detergent particles.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended to provide cross-referencing to the International Application.

Other polymers include polyvinyl pyrrolidones (PVP), polyethylene glycols (PEG), polypropylene glycols (PPG), and the like. The [PVA] PVP is preferable as a dye-transfer inhibitor, and the PEG and the PPG having a molecular weight of from about

100 to about 20000 are preferable, because the viscosity of a paste, which is formed by containing water of aggregates of the granular detergent composition of the present invention, is improved.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a structure that there exists a hollow in an inner portion thereof, and that a particle surface is opened and communicated with the hollow in the inner portion.

5. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a localized structure such that a composition in its inner portion is different from that near its surface.

6. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) are obtainable by a step of spraydrying an aqueous solution or suspension which comprises a water-soluble substance, and further optionally comprises a surfactant and/or a

water-insoluble substance.

7. (Amended) The composite detergent particles according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a water-soluble polymer as the water-soluble substances.

8. (Amended) A granular detergent composition comprising 50 to 100% by weight of the composite detergent particles of [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1.

12. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to [any one of the claims 9 to 11] claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a structure that there exists a hollow in an inner portion thereof, and that a particle surface is opened and communicated with the hollow in the inner portion.

13. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to [any one of claims 9 to 12] claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a particle having a localized structure such that a composition in its inner portion is different from that near its surface.

14. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to [any one of claims 9 to 13] claim 9, wherein the detergent

additive particles (a) are obtainable by a step of spray-drying an aqueous solution or suspension which comprises a water-soluble substance, and further optionally comprises a surfactant and/or a water-insoluble substance.

15. (Amended) The detergent additive particles according to [any one of claims 9 to 14] claim 9, wherein the detergent additive particles (a) comprise a water-soluble polymer as the water-soluble substances.

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